Marketing of Transport Fuels by ONGC

2059. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has been permitted to market transport fuels through retail outlets in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether proposed retail outlet sites have been identified in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(e) whether ONGC also propose to market piped nautral gas to households of the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Government have permitted Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) to market transportation fuels. The company has the plan to set up 100 Retail Outlets in the State of Andhra Pradesh in the vicinity of ONGC's production facilities, during first phase of 3 years. The action plan for development of Retail Outlets is under formulation by ONGC.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Sale of Engine oil by Petrol Pumps

†2060. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of engine oil sold by the Delhi based various companies at various petrol pumps from 1 January, 2002 to 15 November, 2002 alongwith its total value separately;

(b) whether it is a fact that oil companies put illegal pressure on pump dealers to lift engine oil;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.